GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:67
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2001
PASSENGER AMENITIES
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have not been able to accord priority to areas concerning passenger amenities and have also allocated less sums for that;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the passenger amenities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 67 BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JH BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2001 REGARDING PASSENGER AMENITIES

(a) No, Sir. High priority has been accorded to Passenger Amenities by the Railways. An all time high allotment of Rs. 200 crores was made in the Railways Budget, 2001-02 for the Passenger Amenities against expenditure of Rs. 91 crore, Rs. 115 crore and Rs. 144 crore in 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively..

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Upgradation of passenger amenities at railway stations is a continuous process and is undertaken on the basis of need and subject to availability of funds. Passenger Amenities at stations are provided as per norms based on the volume of passenger traffic. Every year a review is carried out to ascertain the deficiencies, if any, and proposals are mooted accordingly as per requirement at station. These are taken up on the basis of relative priorities. In addition, 286 stations have been selected as model stations for provision of upgraded passenger amenities at these stations.